

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Ruhl, cherished residents of Sikeston, Missouri, will commemorate the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on October 18, 2003, with a festive celebration to be held at the Clinton Building in Sikeston; and

Whereas, it was on October 22, 1953, that Joe L. Ruhl took the hand of his beautiful bride, Dorothy A. Slaughter, and together they were joined in marriage before the eyes of God during a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Grant Clark in Hernando, Mississippi; and

Whereas, the 1974-1975 president of the Missouri Dump Truckers Association, Mr. Ruhl dutifully served his country in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956 and provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones through employment opportunities he found at a local service station, Keller Dry Cleaners, and Hart's Bakery before establishing his own trucking business, Joe Ruhl Trucking Company, in 1957, expanding his business interests to include R&W Lime Company and Joe Ruhl Ag-Lime Company, and retiring from the trucking business after thirty-two years; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Ruhl derived a tremendous amount of personal satisfaction from caring for her five daughters and distinguished herself as the co-owner and operator of the Joe Ruhl Trucking Company for thirty-two years and as the owner and manager of McMullin Grocery Store; and

Whereas, a fun-loving couple who enjoy spending time at their lake home in Kimberling City and traveling in their RV motor coach throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico, Joe and Dorothy Ruhl have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their five daughters, Barbara Ann Britt of Excelsior Springs, Marilyn Louise White of Piedmont, Judy Ann Robison of Nixa, Deborah Kay Hill of Springfield, and Carolyn Sue Asmus of Oran; and spoiling their thirteen wonderful grandchildren; and

Whereas, Joe and Dorothy Ruhl often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their fifty years of marriage and look forward to beginning their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Joe and Dorothy Ruhl upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Ruhl, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Peter C. Myers, Sr.
District No. 160

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2226, adopted April 28, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker